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(*d*) how many applications for the grant have been received and for what total amount; and

(*e*) how many have been granted?

A.—(i) The hon. Member is referred to Chapter XI of the Grant-in-aid Code.

(ii) (*a*) Under rule 65 of the Grant-in-aid Code applications for boarding grants should be submitted to the Director of Public Instruction so as to reach him not later than the 1st August.

(*b*) & (*c*) The Government have not received any complaint that the time allowed for the submission of applications is too short.

(*d*) & (*e*) The Government have no information.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—"May I know if the Government will be pleased to call for the information with reference to clauses (*d*) and (*e*) of this question?"

The hon. Dr P. SUBBARAYAN :—"Yes, Sir."

Local Boards

Alleged delay in payment of salaries to schoolmasters in Kasaragod taluk.

*228 *Q.*—Mr. K. R. KARANT : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that in the Kasaragod Taluk Board (South Kanara district) the pay of schoolmasters is not promptly given but is allowed to fall into arrears from time to time;

(*b*) whether in this matter all are not treated alike but some are paid early and others late; and

(*c*) whether Government propose to enquire into this matter and take steps to prevent such delays and discrimination and how?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) A report has been called for in the matter.

Approval of tenders by the Electrical Inspector to Government.

*229 *Q.*—Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that in G.O. Mis. No. 1342, Public Works and Labour, dated 27th September 1926, the Government laid down that in cases where qualified electrical engineers were employed by the local bodies to carry out the work, the Electrical Inspector to Government need not select or approve of the selection of tenders; and

(*b*) whether they have since then modified that Government Order in any way and if so, for what reasons?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes. G.O. No. 2013, L. & M., dated 30th April 1929, modifying the previous Government Order is laid on the table.[a]

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Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" May I ask the hon. Minister for Education and Local Self-Government, what made the Government alter the Government Order that was in existence on 27th September 1926 ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" As I explained yesterday, the Electrical Inspector reported to Government that it needed modification."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" Did the Electrical Inspector make any specific charge against any electrical engineer appointed by the local bodies any, if so, whether the engineer concerned was given a chance to vindicate his position ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I do not think he made any specific charge against anybody."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" May I ask whether it is the policy of Government to run down all the local bodies and the electrical engineers engaged by them on the mere statements made behind their back by the Government electrical inspector ? Is he to have so much power ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" These new undertakings of municipalities have to be carefully scrutinized before any sanction is given."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know whether the Government have received any complaint that their electrical adviser is using his power unjustly to help favourite contractors ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I am not aware of any such complaint."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" May I ask whether the Government are prepared to see that this officer is prevented from being an autocrat and dictator to Government as well as to local bodies ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" As I said yesterday, the question of the revision of the Government Order is under consideration."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" May I know whether in the previous Government Order, they gave permission and also encouragement to local bodies to engage their own electrical engineers and at the same time trebled the fees of their electrical inspector ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Notice."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" Was the increase in fees made at the instance of the electrical inspector or was it made by the Government themselves ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Notice."

Maintenance of roads in South Kanara.

*230 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased—

(i) to place before the House a statement showing the trunk, military or imperial roads in South Kanara and Malabar districts, such of them as have been taken over or have been always or for a long time been maintained by the Public Works Department of Government, and what provision was made for the maintenance of each of them in the years 1928–29 and 1929–30 ;